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# News Release

## **SOUTH DAKOTA PREDATOR SENTENCED TO 80 YEARS**

*Raped little girl hundreds of times over 30 months*

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—As a result of an investigation initiated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Charles Aaron Kellogg, 39, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was sentenced Monday in Minnehaha County Court to 80 years in prison for raping a little girl hundreds of times over two and one-half years.

Kellogg first raped the child when she was four years old.

Kellogg has also pleaded guilty to six counts of possession of child pornography. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least 40 years of the sentence.

“To say I’m relieved that this man will be off our streets for decades is an understatement,” said ICE Resident Agent-in-Charge David A. Johnson of the Sioux Falls ICE office. “He directly brutalized a little girl for years, and he indirectly brutalized untold additional children by downloading thousands of pornographic images of them.”

Acting on a lead provided by ICE’s CyberCrimes Center in Virginia, members of the South Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force launched an investigation into Kellogg’s activities earlier this year. Investigators were led to Kellogg by credit card information found in the possession of a U.S.-based billing service that collected fees for a child pornography business located in Belarus.

Deputy State’s Attorney Hope Okerlund Matchan of the Minnehaha County State’s Attorney Office in Sioux Falls prosecuted this case. ICE, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Sioux Falls Police Department and the Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office investigated the case.

Kellogg’s arrest and prosecution is part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative designed to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation

Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested 68 alleged sexual predators in Nebraska. Nationwide, ICE agents have arrested more than 4,300 sexual predators.

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